

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office Communication of December 12, 2003 indicated that the claims were not provided with the proper status identifier (item 4. C.). However, each of Claims 1 through 36 did, in fact, have an identifier, which indicated the status of each of the claims. Nonetheless, Applicants are resubmitting the Listing of the claims to be considered along with the Remarks submitted November 17, 2003.

As there are no remaining issues, Applicants request allowance of this application. Early notice of such allowance is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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